



# Vintry

## Recent City of London Elections

The outcome of the recent City of London elections was that Tom Hoffman and Rehana Ameer (pictured right) were elected to serve as Common Councilmen in Vintry Ward for the next four years. The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, as Alderman for Vintry Ward, appointed Tom Hoffman as Deputy for the Ward. The turnout in Vintry Ward was 45.4% of eligible electors casting their votes, compared with 33.4% turnout in the City as a whole.

There are six Committees of the City of London Corporation on which the Ward has the right to be represented by one of its Members.

Tom Hoffman will be representing the Ward on the Finance Committee, the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee, and the Culture, Heritage & Libraries' Committee.

Rehana Ameer will be representing the Ward on the Planning & Transportation Committee, the Markets' Committee, and the Community & Children's Services Committee.



## GOOD MENTAL HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE

It has recently been reported that one in four adults gets a mental health diagnosis at some point, that around 90 million working days are lost each year, and that the annual cost to UK business is around £30 billion. Every organisation has much to gain by cultivating good mental health. The evidence shows that people who achieve good standards of wellbeing at work are likely to be more creative, more loyal, and more productive.

There has been significant publicity lately regarding mental health issues. The recent Mental Health Awareness week led by the Lord Mayor, Dr Andrew Parmley, through his "This Is Me – In the City" campaign <https://www.thelordmayorsappeal.org/this-is-me/about>, aims to end the stigma around mental illness and encourage more businesses in the City to engage with this important initiative.

The City Mental Health Alliance is a collaborative venture established by City businesses and championed by senior leaders whose vision is to help people at all levels in the City of London talk about mental health without fear of stigma. Its aim is for mental health to be recognised as a boardroom issue, vital to safeguarding organisations' responsibilities for the wellbeing of its staff, and maximising business performance. The City Mental Health Alliance is creating a culture of good mental health for City workers, sharing best practice and increasing mental health understanding. Many City businesses both large and small have engaged with this initiative. If your company is not already a member of the City Mental Health Alliance, then please consider the merits of joining <http://citymha.org.uk>.



# New network on the way

The City of London Corporation has announced a deal that will deliver a free, public access WiFi network, offering internet access anywhere within the Square Mile.

The multi million pound project is one of the largest investments in wireless infrastructure ever seen in London.

Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (CTIL) has been awarded a major 15-year contract to roll-out and manage the City of London's new wireless network in conjunction with O2. The new network will deliver wireless services across all mobile networks for City businesses, residents and visitors.

CTIL will build 4G mobile "small cells", which will be housed on City street furniture such as lampposts, street signs, buildings and CCTV columns to provide enhanced mobile coverage at street level, and ensure that the City is best placed to become an early adopter of 5G which is widely expected to become available in 2020.

CTIL will partner with O2 in building the WiFi network which will be free for the public to use. It will be fully operational by Autumn 2017.

The network will be more technically advanced than those found in other leading global financial centres, including New York. State-of-the-art equipment will provide speeds and see users able to enjoy high bandwidth services like video-calling and video on demand over free City WiFi following a one-time only registration.

Residents in the City Corporation's 12 central London housing estates will also benefit from a new high speed internet service after plans to expand fibre optic broadband were given the green light earlier this year.

New state of the art equipment will be installed which will provide speeds of up to one gigabit at affordable prices, and see users able to enjoy high bandwidth services like video on demand.

The new broadband services will be rolled out across the City Corporation's social housing estates, which stretch across seven London boroughs including the City of London, Hackney, Islington, Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark and Tower Hamlets housing more than 7,500 residents.

Up to five internet providers per estate will

be invited to bid for the opportunity to connect and will be selected based on affordability and quality of service. The City Corporation has asked potential providers to include reduced payment options for residents on low incomes and benefits.

## Protecting yourself or your firm from cybercrime

After this article was written the NHS was hit with a ransomware cyber attack which reinforced the importance of people or firms taking steps to try to avoid this type of attack:

- Install system and application updates on all devices as soon as they become available.
- Install anti-virus software on all devices and keep it updated.
- Create regular backups of your important files to a device that isn't left connected to your network as any malware infection could spread to that too.

For more detailed help go to: [getsafeonline.org/cityoflondonpolice](https://getsafeonline.org/cityoflondonpolice)



## Upgrade for eShot

And the City's new WiFi network will come in handy for picking up our monthly eShot when you're on the move.

It's design is being refreshed, with a careful eye on mobile use, so it will be even easier to find out what's going on in the Square Mile.

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# Aldgate area improvements

Change to the Aldgate traffic layout are now complete with work on the major uplift to the area as a whole scheduled for completion by December of this year. Highway improvements include pedestrian crossing points and easier navigation of bus services.

There is now two-way traffic on Aldgate High Street, St Botolph Street, a section of Middlesex Street and Minories. A section of Middlesex Street has also been closed to traffic at the junction with St Botolph Street.

The highway changes are also enabling the creation of two new public spaces – Aldgate Square and Eastern public space.

The overall aims of the Aldgate Highway Changes and Public Realm Improvements Project are to:

- enhance safety for road users
- improve cycling routes
- improve pedestrian routes and connections
- introduce more greenery
- create new public space for events, leisure and play
- improve lighting in the area

Sitting within Aldgate Square and complementing the two heritage listed buildings on either side, the Portsoken Pavilion will complete the scheme. A social enterprise operator will run the facilities inside providing a new hub promoting events, leisure and play.



## Designs of the times



The City of London never stands still and nowhere is that more true than in the construction of new buildings.

The City has always been a centre for ground breaking architecture and many of its buildings have become icons not just of London but of the UK as a whole. With this in mind, the City Corporation has updated its Designs of the times self-guided walk leaflet to include the latest additions to the City's architecture.

New entries include London Wall Place, 5 Broadgate, 100 Bishopsgate, the Scalpel and Bloomberg Place. The City walk route has been devised to take you through the Square Mile and from start to finish should take you about 90 minutes at an average walking pace.

Pick up a copy at Guildhall reception, the City Information Centre opposite St Paul's Cathedral or download it from the self-guided section of this page:

[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/walks](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/walks)



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We are always happy to talk to workers and residents within the Ward about any issues you may wish to raise. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a meeting.

## COMMUNICATING WITH THOSE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE CITY OF LONDON

### VINTRY & DOWGATE WARDS' CLUB

The Vintry Ward Club was founded in 1877. In 1957 the neighbouring Dowgate Ward Club sought a merger with the Vintry Ward Club, following which the name of the Club Was changed to the Vintry & Dowgate Wards' Club, and in 1977 the Club celebrated its centenary. In 2002 Dr Andrew Parmley became joint president of the Club on his election as Alderman for Vintry Ward, and the Club celebrated its 125th anniversary with a banquet in Tallow Chandlers' Hall under the chairmanship of Tom Hoffman. The Current officers are Chairman: Mr Jonathan Shiels. Deputy Chairman: Mrs Avril Payne. Hon Treasurer: Mr Charles Paine. Hon Secretary: Mrs Christine Broomhead.

The Club has a full programme of visits to places of interest in the City, lunches and dinners, including a lunch annually in the autumn which is usually attended by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs. As Alderman

Dr Parmley is the current Lord Mayor, the lunch this year will be held in the Mansion House on Friday 8th September at 12.30pm. Forthcoming events include a Visit and Guided Tour of Spencer House in St James Place on Monday 19th June at 12 noon, Summer Party on the Roof Garden at Nomura on Monday 10th July at 6pm. The Club welcomes any person or company within Vintry or Dowgate Wards wishing to join the Club. For individuals the Joining Fee is currently £10 and the subscription is £15 per annum or £65 to cover 5 years', and for companies the Joining Fee is £15 and the subscription is £50 per annum entitling any five members of the company to attend any function.

**Membership application forms can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Mrs Christine Broomhead, (Email: [LemonC@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:LemonC@hotmail.co.uk) or Telephone: 020 8670 1488).**

### WORK IS COMPLETE ON THE FOOTPATHS AT CANNON STREET

On the northern side of Vintry Ward a section of Cannon Street has been closed in the westbound direction since January 2017. On 1st May 2017 this section was re-opened to two-way traffic during weekdays following resurfacing work to the footpaths. During this time the City of London's contractor has used high quality York stone and granite to resurface the footways; widened the footway on the southern side of Cannon Street; and introduced new and reinstated existing loading bays. The bus stop at the junction of Cannon Street and Walbrook which has been closed to facilitate the construction work has now reopened during weekdays. The carriageway is being resurfaced at weekends.